

DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

1. (Four times amended) An easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising:

a cap portion having a top, a peripherally depending side wall comprising an inner surface that conforms to said bead outer surface and a radially inwardly extending peripheral lip that engages said bead undercut sealably securing said closure to said container, wherein a material housed by said container is secured in said container by said cap portion; and

a handle depending from said cap portion, said handle comprising a fulcrum portion that abuts an outer surface of said container neck.

Claim 4 is amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The easy open closure apparatus in claim 1, wherein said handle further comprises an upper portion[,] and a lower portion, and [a] wherein said fulcrum portion [there] is disposed between said upper and lower portions.

Claim 9 is amended as follows:

9. (Twice amended) The easy open closure apparatus in claim 4, wherein [said fulcrum portion abuts an outer surface of said container such that] upon application of pressure to an outer surface of said lower handle portion [outer surface], the side wall lip is lever-action disengaged from the bead undercut.